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Department of Career Services

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Department of Career Services at the University of Connecticut supports the idea of a bus route from Storrs to Manchester and Hartford, CT. There are students who intern in the Hartford area during the academic year and these students have to pay for gas and parking fees. A bus route will provide less congestion on the road, reduce costs (no parking), and allow those without access to a vehicle to have broader opportunities for internships and jobs.

This semester, our office is working with two students who are interning in Hartford for academic credit through the Career Services Department, yet neither is receiving payment. In addition, the companies/organizations do not reimburse for gas or parking. So essentially, the student is working for free and incurring significant costs as well. I have no doubt there are more students who face similar circumstances; these two students are simply an example of situations that many students on campus may face. For those students who do not have a vehicle on campus, they may have to turn down an internship or job opportunity because they do not have reliable transportation.

Overall, a bus route will help the students, economy, and the environment. Please consider establishing a regular bus route to Manchester and Hartford from Storrs.

Respectfully,

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